House No. 4358

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to An Act An Act Authorizing The Town Of Plymouth To Conduct A Referendum Election On January 19, 2010.

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November 18, 2009

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, "An Act Authorizing The Town Of Plymouth To Conduct A Referendum Election On January 19, 2010."

Senate President Murray, Representatives deMacedo and Calter and the Plymouth board of selectmen have requested that I file this legislation to allow the town to hold a special election on January 19, 2010, the same date as the scheduled special state election for United States Senator. Absent this legislation, the town charter requires the town to hold a special election in late December. The special election would cost the town approximately \$26,000, which would further strain the town's budget in these difficult economic times.

Accordingly, I urge your early and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

DEVAL L. PATRICK.

Governor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act Authorizing The Town Of Plymouth To Conduct A Referendum Election On January 19, 2010.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 6-3 of chapter 5 of the town of
- 2 Plymouth's charter or any other general or special law, by-law or charter provision to the
- 3 contrary, the town of Plymouth may hold a referendum election on January, 19, 2010.
- 4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.